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This is a request for filing a

[] Continuation [X] Divisional

application of pending prior application Serial No. 09/851,585 filed May 9, 2001

for [Title]: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF SCREEN PRINTING

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1. [x] A copy of the prior application is attached including Declaration.
2. [x] Cancel in this application original claims 1 - 7 and 10 - 16 of prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

3. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a ☐ Continuation ☒ Division of application Serial No. 09/851,585 filed
May 9, 2001 --
4. ☒ New ☒ Formal ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed:
Fig(s) 1-11C.
5. ☒ Priority of foreign application(s): No. 2000-135696 filed May 9, 2000; 2000-135697 filed
May 9, 2000; and 2000-135699 filed May 9, 2000 in JAPAN is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
6. ☒ Certified copies were filed in prior application No. 09/851,585.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., the assigned
was recorded at Reel 012138, Frame 0289.
8. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered
consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the
prior application.
9. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
10. ☒ It is requested that the prior art made of record in the prior application 09/851,585 be cited and made
of record in the present application.
11. ☐ Small entity status was established in the parent application.
12. ☒ Fees calculated based on claims filed in prior application, less any claims canceled above or by
preliminary amendment.

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee	\$770.00
Total Claims Independent Claims	4 - 20 = 0	x	\$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00	
	2 - 3 = 0	x	\$ 86.00 =	0.00	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)		+	\$ 290.00 =	<u>0.00</u>	
		Total		\$ 770.00	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing Small Entity				<u>0.00</u>	
		TOTAL ENCLOSED FEE		\$ 770.00	

13. ☒ THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THE ABOVE FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 770.00 AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 18-2056.
14. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 18-2056: any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17; and any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
15. ☒ A power of attorney was filed in the prior application to Marc A. Rossi, Registration No. 31,923:
- ☒ a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - ☐ b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - ☒ c. Address all future communications to

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